

High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Signal

What are High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Signals?

They are commonly referred to as HAWK signals or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons. These HAWK signals are traffic devices that are used to assist pedestrians in crossing busy streets.

Why use a HAWK signal?

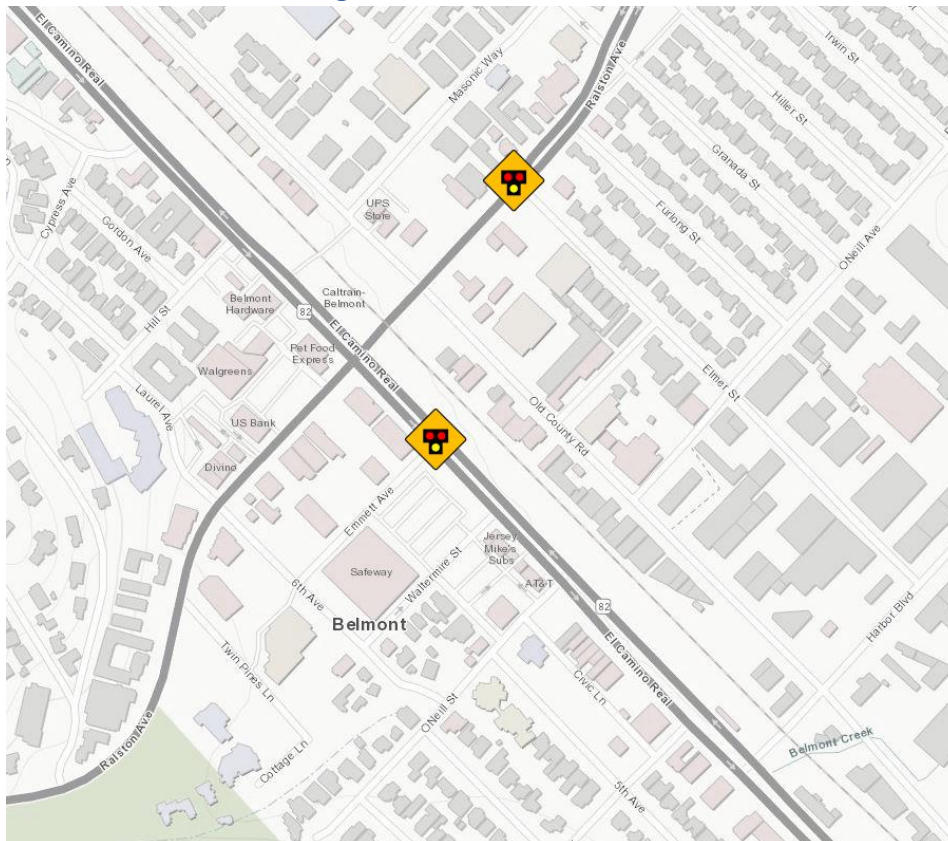
HAWK signals provide a safer crossing alternative compared to traditional crosswalks. They are especially effective on busy streets with mid-block crossings. Unlike traditional signal crosswalks, the HAWK's are only used when a pedestrian activates the signal.

Activating the HAWK signal

When a pedestrian presses the push button, approaching drivers will see a flashing yellow signal indicating that they should be prepared to stop for pedestrians. The signal then changes to a solid yellow, then a solid red light indicating for drivers to stop. Pedestrians will then be instructed to cross. When the dual red lights begin to alternate, vehicles must stop for pedestrians, but may proceed if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk.

The signal will eventually time out and turn dark. At this stage, traffic should resume their typical movement through the crosswalk.

Where are the HAWK signals?



HAWK Instructions for Pedestrians



Push Button

Push the button to activate the HAWK signal. Wait for the walk signal to appear. The walk signal will appear once the overhead lights have turned red.



Visual Confirmation

Remember that the walk signal does not mean it is safe to step into the street. Before stepping into the crosswalk, be sure drivers have seen you and are stopping.

Audible Cues

Sounds for the visually impaired are broadcast letting them know the walk indication is on.



Flashing Don't Walk Signal

The flashing don't walk signal will appear as you finish your crossing. Countdown numbers will show how much time remains to cross the street. If the red hand is flashing, don't start crossing. If you have already begun to cross, finish crossing quickly. audible cues: The repeating locator tone is broadcast from the push button box.



Steady Red Hand

When a steady red hand is shown, do not begin to cross the street. If you are already crossing in the intersection when the steady red hand appears, finish crossing quickly.

Audible Cues

The repeating locator tone is broadcast from the push button box.

HAWK Instructions for Drivers



The signal remains dark until activated by a pedestrian.
Traffic is permitted to flow through the crosswalk.



When a pedestrian presses the button, approaching drivers will see a flashing yellow signal for a few seconds, indicating that a pedestrian is preparing to use the crosswalk.



The solid yellow signal indicates that motorists should reduce speed and be prepared to stop.



The solid double red signal indicates drivers are required to stop and remain stopped.



The alternating double red signal indicates drivers are required to come to a complete stop, but may proceed when pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk and it is safe to proceed. The signal will then go dark until activated by a pedestrian.